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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/004,468 Confirmation No: 6548  
Applicant : Roger A. de la Torre et al. Filed : October 23, 2001  
TC/A.U. : 3761 Examiner : Glenn Dawson  
Docket No.: SPC-5069CNT6 Customer No. : 000027777

Title : **LAPROSCOPIC ACCESS PORT FOR SUGICAL  
INSTRUMENTS OR THE HAND**

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the Associate Power of Attorney, previously filed for this case on October 13, 2003, giving power of attorney to the undersigned is enclosed herewith. In response to the Office action of March 24, 20003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.